

YMCA Boasts Large Female Membership

Girls in the YMCA? You bet there are, ages 6 to 60 years. Mrs. Alpha Renz Torrance Family YMCA Girls Work Director stated recently. Almost a third of the National YMCA's membership is women and girls. There were 412,566 girls under 18 years of age in 1962. Five years ago in Torrance there was one girl's club group in the YMCA. Today we have 14 mother and daughter Y-Indian Maiden Tribes, nine Tri Gra-Y, three Junior Tri-Hi-Y, and seven Tri-Hi-Y clubs. This past summer 231 girls of nine to 17 years were camping with the YMCA.

Mrs. Renz further stated that when approaching the family, particularly the dads and sons, we discovered the moms and daughters wanted similar club experiences, too. Moms and dads often swap ideas for club meetings and activities. Our family camps each summer provides the opportunity for the whole family together to enjoy the YMCA program.

When asked what the girls do in these clubs, Mrs. Renz said, "Basically they meetin small neighborhood groups and work out their own ideas within the framework of the YMCA's program philosophy." For example, the Kiowa Y-Indian Maiden Tribe, Mrs. William Dutille, the Tau, has her Moms and daughters busy making liquid embroidery towel sets for the Los Angeles Indian Center as Christmas gifts. Last year they collected canned milk for the

Navajo Indian Hospital in National Monument, Arizona. They participate in campouts and inductions. They are active in the council which coordinates all the Indian Maiden activities and serve as lay helpers at the YMCA office. Maidens is a program for mothers and daughters in grades one to three. TriGra-Y and Junior Hi-Y clubs are for girls in fourth to eighth grades.

On the high school level girls may join Tri-Hi-Y clubs. Their purpose is to create and maintain high standards of Christian character in home, school and community primarily through service projects of their choice. For example, the Dior's Tri-Hi-Y, junior class girls at South High are very active as leaders in summer camps, served dinners for Chamber of Commerce, Y Good Neighbor breakfast, car wash for World Service, score keepers for Gra-Y leagues, participate in Interclub Council, inductions and Model Youth Legislature. This past week end for relaxation, they had an overnight campout at Newport Dunes Aquatic Park. Mrs. Laurel Lee Poser, the advisor, meets with the club each Wednesday after school. Mr. Poser, by the way, coordinates Junior Hi-Y boys clubs for the YMCA.

"It can't be denied," Mrs. Renz concluded, "that girls are important in the YMCA and if anyone ever asks, definitely the YMCA is for both the boys and girls of Torrance."

Moose Lodge Members Receive Diamond Rings

Diamond Moose rings were presented to two members of the Torrance Moose Lodge recently for their efforts during the Golden Anniversary Campaign celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Mooseheart, Illinois, the Chil City, where the Yoyal Order Of Moose provides for the families of their deceased members. Recipients of the Award Rings were Traverse Schinke and B. E. Finke. The ring was presented for being the sponsor of 12 or more new Moose members during the Golden Anniversary Year.

The Loyal Order Of Moose has over one million members and its' auxiliary, The Women Of The Moose, over

half a million in the English speaking parts of the World. This huge band of benevolent men and women are bound together under the motto of Purity, Aid, and Progress. Their belief in "one for all and all for one" brought about the founding of Mooseheart in 1913 under the leadership of James J. Davis, first Director General of the Moose.

This year the Loyal Order Of Moose is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of the founding of the Order. During this year Schinke is serving as membership chairman of the local Moose lodge with Finke as his co-chairman. With this caliber of chairmen the lodge is looking forward to an active year.

Jesse M. Unruh to Talk at YWCA

Speaker of the Assembly, Jesse M. Unruh, will meet and talk with people in the community at a tea to be held at the Torrance YWCA at 2320 West Carson St., from 2 to 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 22.

Mrs. David K. Lyman is chairman of the tea and is being assisted in the planning and organization of the event by a committee composed of Mrs. Dan E. Butcher, Mrs. Rene Dean, Mrs. R. Rudy, Mrs. Leo Salisbury, Mrs. Roger West and Mrs. Robert B. White. Helping the tea committee are Mrs. G. Holcombe, Mrs. T. K. Millstead, Mrs. S. Edwards and Mrs. G. Ebersole.

The program will consist of a short talk by Mr. Unruh, followed by the serving of refreshments. People attending will have the opportunity of personally discussing local problems with the Speaker of the Assem-

bly. Mrs. Lyman announced that, while the meeting is open to the public, there is a limit to the number of people who can be accommodated and reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis. A donation of \$1 is being asked to cover the cost of refreshments and tickets can be obtained from any committee member.

FRAGRANT FREESIA
One of the fairest of all spring-blooming bulbs (actually it blooms in California before winter is out) is the fragrant freesia. These can still be planted, but should go in post haste, for their formant period ends earlier than daffodils and their like. Plant Freesias in drifts of one color for best effects. And plant plenty of them. They're not expensive in C.A.N. nurseries

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GARDEN NEWS...

Plant A Perennial Border for color

Volumes have been written on planting a perennial border, and almost to a paragon, they are useless in California. Most are written for colder climates where snow covers the ground for a good many months. None consider that in California, the perennial border should be presentable for 12 months each year.

This does not imply in any way that Californians should refrain from planting a perennial border. We

merely point out that the problem should be approached from a different angle. Annuals should be incorporated, in part, so that color can be a year round affair. Perennials of ever-blooming habit are often preferred to those of a showier disposition which put all their bloom in one month. Yet the latter should certainly be included, too.

In checking with the California Association of Nurserymen we find that one perennial which is always recommended is the Blue Marguerite, or Felicia. This durable little plant is almost ever-blooming and in the mildest areas will show some color year round, ex-

cept when you cut it back, after which it takes a short time out to frame a new framework of branches. Blue Marguerite is as nearly foolproof as any plant can be, tolerating sun or part shade, poor soil and infrequent watering. When once established, it will often reseed itself, too, though don't count on it, for conditions must be just right for such a happy circumstance. In the middle and front of a border, combined with Yellow Marguerites, which are also nearly ever-blooming, it can provide a big answer to the perennial problem, such as it may be.

Most C.A.N. members are sold on the newer Tritomas, or Red Hot Pokers, if you prefer the common name. The subtle colors of many newer "pokers" belie the tag "red hot" with yellow and orange shades being prevalent. In the rear of the perennial border, with Blue Marguerite and/or Yellow Tritomas are deserving of special praise. They bloom in summer and fall and often in winter, making a real contribution to the color calendar.

It would be easy to grow a perennial border without a single herbaceous member, but it would also be a shame. Delphiniums especially should be included for they are never better than they are in California. The giant Pacific Hybrids which seedmen have developed here on

the coast are pinnacles of perfection in the summer sun, their tall spikes of blue, pink or white shining forth with unmatched beauty. Plant them from flats this month—seedling plants at minimum cost—and watch them grow into full clumps over the years. Plant a dozen at least and preferably more.

There are many, many more perennials in C.A.N. nurseries, both in flats and in nursery cans. Searching them out can become a hobby without any effort at all. And once you've got the perennial habit, you'll wonder how you ever got along without them. It's a nice habit to have.

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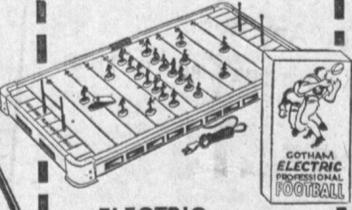
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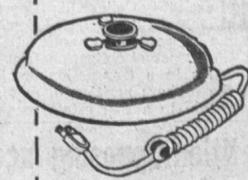
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